Mr. President: I think the House has spent quite long enough on this question. We shall pass on to the next question.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* May I answer the two questions 55 & 56 together.

Mr. President: Yes.

SECRETARY AND JOINT SECRETARIES TO GOVERNMENT—SALARIES OF

55. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they were pleased to revise the salaries of the Secretary to Government and the Joint Secretary to Government;

(*b*) will Government please state what the present salaries of these officers are and when the same were enhanced?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Secretary to Government, Rs. 550—800.

Joint Secretaries to Government, Rs. 450—600.

The pay of the officers was revised with effect from 1st Makaram 1119.

JOINT SECRETARIES TO GOVERNMENT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES—SALARIES OF

56. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state the number of Joint Secretaries (Junior and Senior if any gradation exists) Assistant Secretaries (Junior and Senior if any) now working in the Huzur Secretariat with their respective salaries?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

Joint Secretaries, 2	Pay	..	Rs. 450—600
Deputy Secretary	Pay	..	Rs. 300—400.
Assistant Secretaries, 3.	Senior	..	Rs. 200—250.
	Junior	..	Rs. 150—200.
	Temporary	..	Rs. 150—200.

The Senior Assistant Secretary is given a personal grade of Rs. 200—300 and Junior man Rs. 150—250.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Why was this personal allowance granted?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It is only a personal grade because the Senior Assistant Secretary was drawing Rs. 250 as Municipal Commissioner in Trichur. It was thought that it will not be fair to deprive him of the pay he was getting then. So he was given. The Junior Assistant Secretary before he was appointed as Assistant Secretary was a Sub-Magistrate. The pay of that post was revised later and he naturally complained that if he had stuck to the Criminal judiciary he would have had corresponding benefits there. Not to deprive him of the higher grade he was given a little higher grade as personal allowance.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know with reference to Circular 12/19 which was placed on the table in answer to a certain question whether the revision of salaries as mentioned in answer to question 55 was under the contemplation of the Government then.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* As a matter of fact the circular was issued later. This was not done as part of the general revision. It was considered that there was some anomaly, with regard to the pay of the Secretary which was less than Rs. 800 maximum. While the Chief Engineer, the Director of Public Instruction, Director of Public Health and Panchayats, etc., were drawing Rs. 800, it was thought that the maximum pay of Secretary to Government should also be Rs. 800. It was on that ground that that was sanctioned.

With regard to Joint Secretaries their pay was reduced to Rs. 350—500 about 2 years ago. Since then the work has increased very much and their responsibility too has correspondingly increased. It was therefore thought that Government should restore to them their grade Rs. 450—600. These were the reasons that induced the Government to give these grades to these 3 officers. Therefore even if there was that circular the order would have been correct. As a matter of fact the circular was issued after the orders were passed.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I take it that the abnormal conditions and cost of living have no bearing on the raising and lowering of salaries.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It was not on the ground that the cost of living has risen.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ജോലി വളരെയധികം വർദ്ധിച്ചുവെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. ഈ ക ള o ഉദ്യോഗികയുടെ ജോലി മാത്രമെ വർദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളുവോ?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ: ജോലി വർദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു മാത്രമെ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളു. ജോയിന്റ സിക്രട്ടറിമാരുടെ ജോലി വർദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ജോലി വർദ്ധിച്ചതുകൊണ്ടാണ് ശമ്പളം കൂടിയതെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. അപ്പോൾ ക ള o ഉദ്യോഗിക കൂടുതൽ കൊടുക്കത്തക്ക ജോലി മാത്രമേ വർദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളുവോ?

Mr. President: Order, Order, the Hon'ble Member is asking a very long question.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ജോലിഎത്രത്തോളം വർദ്ധിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നതു് എങ്ങിനെയാണു്? ശമ്പളത്തിന്റെ കൂടുതൽ അനുസരിച്ചാണോ?

രാമവർമ്മതമ്പുരാൻ: അതിലേക്കു് ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിന്നു പല നിയമങ്ങളും ചട്ടങ്ങളും രൂപീകരണമൊക്കെ ഉണ്ടു്. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള രൂപീകരണപ്രകാരം ചെയ്യുകയല്ലാതെ പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു് ഇതിലേക്കു് അച്ചടിച്ച രൂപമൊന്നുമില്ല.

MAGISTRATES DRAFTED FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

57. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many of the Magistrates in service now had been Prosecuting Inspectors or connected with the police department before they became Magistrates;

(*b*) what is the number of police charges in which these Magistrates (1) discharged the accused and (2) acquitted the accused in 1117, 1118 & 1119;

(*c*) what is the number in (*b*) disposed of similarly by Magistrates who were not Prosecuting Inspectors before?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Five.

(*b*) Please see Statement appended *(Appendix I).*

(*c*) Please see Statement appended *(Appendix II)*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, how, many Magistrates there are in the State who do not belong to the category mentioned in (a) who had not acted as Prosecuting Inspectors?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The total number is 9 of which 5 had been Prosecuting Inspectors.

COCHIN LAW REPORTS—DELAY IN THE PUBLICATION OF

58. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—The reasons for the undue delay in the publication of the Cochin Law Reports?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The delay in the publication of the reports is mainly due to the pressure of work in the Government Press.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government cannot resort to private presses if there is pressure of work in the Government Press.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We are trying our best to see that such delays are avoided.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know how many reports have been published in the year 1119?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Cochin Law Reports? I want notice.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* We are making enquiries with regard to private presses whether they can take up the work and relieve the Government Press.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* So far as the Moffussil Advocates are concerned there is a handicap for want of these reports.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes. We will consider.

KEY INDUSTRIES—STARTING OF

59. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government have any idea starting any key industries in the State;

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